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Sir/Madam:

This paper is filed in response to a non-final Office Action dated November 10, 2005, by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-referenced application. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested in light of the following remarks. This response is timely filed along with a petition for an extension of time and the requisite fee.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

An Amendment to the Specification begins on page 2.

An Amendment to the Drawings begins on page 3.

An Amendment to the Claims is reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

Appendices A and B are attached following page 18 of this paper.